

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 22, 2005 (BOS Mtg. 5/3/05)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Post Disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant

The Federal Emergency Management has made Post Disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds available to localities in Virginia as the result of Hurricane Isabel. The Virginia Department of Emergency Management is coordinating the grant programs in Virginia. York County has been notified of a grant award for Structural Protection of the Emergency Operations Center and the Public Safety Building. Strong winds have the potential to damage portions of buildings including windows and doors. When certain components of buildings (such as windows and doors) are damaged and wind is allowed to enter a building envelope, the integrity of the roof and the overall building itself can be significantly diminished. This grant funding completes a project that was initiated in 2000 with an earlier HMGP to preserve the integrity of the Public Safety Building and the County Emergency Operations Center during weather events that produce significant winds. This grant project was sought because it was determined that it would best meet the desired grant parameters, was thought to have a significant chance for approval and would allow the County to complete the last phase of an important project. The grant requires a local match of \$1,765 that will be met using funds available in the general operating budget.

If adopted, proposed Resolution R05-89 will accept and appropriate \$35,300 from the Post Disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and will authorize the County Administrator to procure and install impact resistant glazing in the window and door panels of the Public Safety Building, thus enhancing the structural integrity of the building and its ability to withstand the effects of high wind events such as hurricanes.

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